

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method of controlling the flow of
2 information across links between senders and
3 receivers, said method comprising:
- 4 sending a request from a sender to a
5 receiver via a link;
- 6 forwarding a data request indication from
7 said receiver to said sender via said link in
8 response to said request, said data request
9 indication indicating that said receiver is
10 prepared to receive further information from
11 said sender;
- 12 providing, by said sender, in response to
13 said data request indication, said further
14 information; and
- 15 wherein said link is being used as a
16 channel in that the link is not stopped while
17 said receiver is preparing for said further
18 information.

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1 2. A method of controlling the flow of
2 information across links between senders and
3 receivers, said method comprising:

4 including in a packet a sequence number
5 usable in maintaining delivery order of said
6 packet, said packet having no memory address and
7 requiring no explicit individual response;

8 sending said packet from a sender to a
9 receiver across a link; and

10 using said sequence number to determine if
11 said packet is in proper order for processing by
12 said receiver.

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